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TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJ: STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

REFS: A. SAIGON 3505; B. STOCKHOLM 1122

1. WE BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY STOCKHOLM IS IN BEST POSITION TO JUDGE THE USEFULNESS OF EFFORTS TO COUNTER PRO-HANOI, ANTI-GVN PROPAGANDA EMANATING FROM STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE. THUS WE AGREE BASICLY WITH THE CONCLUSION OF REF A THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO INFLAME AN OTHERWISE APPARENTLY MORIBUND ISSUE.

2. AT THE SAME TIME WE WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO SEE THE FIELD LEFT ENTIRELY TO HANOI'S SPOKESMEN. THERE IS, WE BELIEVE, ROOM FOR SELECTIVE, FACTUAL, LOW-KEY REBUTTAL BY THE GVN TO AT LEAST SOME OF THE MORE OUTRAGEOUS
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CHARGES LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THIS CONVOCATION. THE

GVN'S CAPACITY TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF IN EFFECTIVELY
COUNTERING SUCH ALLEGATIONS HAS IMPROVED DRAMATICALLY
IN RECENT MONTHS, THUS ELIMINATING MUCH OF THE NEED FOR
US TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE. WE ENVISION JUST SUCH A
SCENARIO IN THIS INSTANCE. KISSINGER

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